

**Regular Council Meeting
January 26, 2012**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, City Planner Latilda Henninger, and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of past minutes

None were presented.

1. Planning Issues

Ms. Henninger gave a brief report on the business registration receipts

A. Working Waterfronts Joint Partnership (OB #1)

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the Working Waterfronts Joint Partnership resolution as adopted by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Resolution #2012-01 was adopted.

2. Legal Matters

No legal matters were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

No report was given.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineering report

Charley Cotton, representing Preble-Rish, gave a brief update to council on the energy grant, Wagon Wheel, and North Bay expansion projects. He also stated the Eglin currently has the North Bay expansion work on Highway 20 shut down, but he expects to be able to resume work by Monday.

Mayor Marse reminded Attorney Adkinson and Mr. Cotton that he wanted a letter sent to Eglin and the state representatives regarding the issues on this project.

IV. Old Business

1. Working Waterfronts Joint Participation

Item was addressed under planning issues.

2. Engineering Continuing Services agreement/Preble-Rish

Councilman King motioned to approve the execution of the engineering continuing services agreement with Preble-Rish as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Engineering Continuing services/additional firms

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve accepting Preble-Rish as the City's engineer and not place additional firms on contract at this time, Councilman Taunton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

4. Installation/No Wake Zone signs

Councilman Taunton stated that he would like to start requesting proposals for the installation of the no-wake zone signs, so the City could move forward once the permit was received. Chance Powell, representing Preble-Rish, informed the council that the ordinance previously adopted establishing the no-wake zone, no longer met the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Commission and would therefore need to be re-written. However, even upon adoption of an approved ordinance, the only permitted sites would be within 300' of an established pier. None of the acceptable locations were sites the City had looked at installing signs. No action was taken at this time.

V. New Business

1. Legislative update

Councilwoman Brannon gave a brief update on the joint meeting held by the Northwest Florida League of Cities and the Suwannee League of Cities. She presented some resolution approved by both boards and asked council to get with her if they would like to adopt similar resolutions.

2. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve paying all bills that are in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Marse informed the council and the audience that there was to be a historical marker installed on the Masonic Lodge.

3. Deed of property to FDOT/Highway 331 South

Councilman King motioned to approve the deed of the property along the right of way of Highway 331 South (at Wagon Wheel Road) to FDOT and to approve the requested resolution as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Resolution #2012-02 was adopted.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilman Jackson requested approval to request proposals on two new trucks for the sewer department (not budgeted items). Councilman King motioned to approve the request for proposals on two new trucks, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VII. Public Comment

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President